

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

FEASTER, *et al.*

Serial No.: New Divisional Application based on  
USSN 09/848,370, filed 4 May 2001

Filed: Herewith

For: ASSAY FOR DETECTING, MEASURING AND  
MONITORING THE ACTIVITIES AND  
CONCENTRATIONS OF PROTEINS AND METHODS OF  
USE THEREOF

Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Sandra E. Saucier

Atty. Docket: 034047.003.1 (00-23)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.